RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - ELECTION

In the Office Action, a restriction and/or election requirement was set forth listing two (2) species:

Species I:

Claims 1-15, 18-44, 47-70

Species II:

Claims 16-17, 45-46, 71-72

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement of restriction, but nevertheless is electing Group I (claims 1-15, 18-44, 47-70) in view of the Examiner's indication during a phone interview, that he would allow such claims (as discussed in more detail in the Remarks section below).

Accordingly, claims 1-15, 18-44, 47-70 have been elected. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully withdraws, without prejudice, claims 16-17, 45-46, 71-72, which correspond to the non-elected species (i.e., Species II).